

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 19, 29, 31, 34, 35, 43, and 48 have been amended. Claims 19-26, 28-46, and 48-58 are pending and under consideration. Reconsideration is requested. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112:

On pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 19, 20, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 34, 35, 40, 41, 43-46, 48-50 and 53 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, for reasons set forth therein. These rejections are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

While it is respectfully submitted that the claims as previously presented were sufficiently definite and supported by the written description to be compliant with 35 U.S.C. §112, the word "potentially" has been removed from the claims without narrowing the scope thereof. As such, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections.

OBVIOUSNESS TYPE DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION

On pages 3-5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 29, 30, 32 and 48 on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting in view of claims 27-29 of U.S. Patent No. 6,631,110. In view of the enclosed terminal disclaimer, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER:

On pages 5-6 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 19, 20, 25, 26, 28, 31, 34, 35, 40, 41, 43-46, 48-50 and 53 contain allowable subject matter if rewritten to address the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, claims 39, 51 and 52 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and claims 21-24, 33, 38, 40, 42, and 55-58 are allowed. In view of the above arguments and/or amendments, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner withdraw the remaining objections.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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